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CASE NUMBER: 13-1-12450-1 SEA

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL WALTER KING,

Defendant.

No. 13-1-12450-1 SEA

MOTION, FINDING OF PROBABLE
CAUSE AND ORDER DIRECTING
ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS OR
WARRANT AND FIXING BAIL

The plaintiff, having informed the court that it is filing herein an Information charging the defendant with the crime(s) of **Theft In The First Degree, Theft In The Second Degree, Theft In The Second Degree, Theft In The Second Degree, Theft In The First Degree, Theft In The First Degree, Theft In The First Degree**, now moves the court pursuant to CrR 2.2(a) for a determination of probable cause and an order directing the issuance of a summons or warrant for the arrest of the defendant, and

☐ fixing the bail of the defendant in the amount of , cash or approved surety bond.

☒ directing the issuance of a summons.

In connection with this motion, the plaintiff offers the following incorporated materials: The Seattle Police Department certification or affidavit for determination of probable cause; the Seattle Police Department suspect identification data; and the prosecutor's summary in support of order directing issuance of summons or order fixing bail and/or conditions of release.

If the defendant is not in custody, the plaintiff has attempted to ascertain the defendant's current address by searching the District Court Information System database, the driver's license

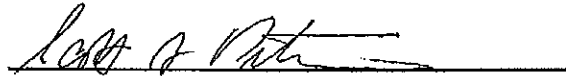
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1 and identicard database maintained by the Department of Licenses, and the database maintained
2 by the Department of Corrections listing persons incarcerated and under supervision.

3 DANIEL T. SATTERBERG, Prosecuting Attorney

4 By:

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6 Scott A. Peterson, WSBA #17275
7 Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

8 FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE AND ORDER FOR ARREST WARRANT

9 The court finds that probable cause exists to believe that the above-named defendant
10 committed an offense or offenses charged in the information herein based upon the police agency
11 certification/affidavit of probable cause incorporated and pursuant to CrR 2.2(a).

12 IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court issue a summons or warrant of arrest for the
13 above-named defendant; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that

☐ the bail of the defendant be fixed in the amount of , cash or
approved surety bond.

☒ directing the issuance of a summons; if the defendant is
incarcerated on the investigation charge herein the defendant shall
be released from custody.

☐ Additional Conditions: _____

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be advised of the amount of bail fixed by
the court and/or conditions of his or her release, and of his or her right to request a bail reduction.
Service of the warrant by telegraph or teletype is authorized.

SIGNED this _____ day of September, 2013.

JUDGE

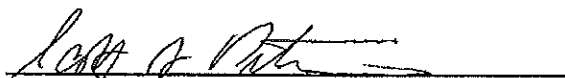
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MICHAEL WALTER KING,	)	INFORMATION
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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I, Daniel T. Satterberg, Prosecuting Attorney for King County in the name and by the authority of the State of Washington, do accuse MICHAEL WALTER KING of the following crime[s], which are based on the same conduct or a series of acts connected together or constituting parts of a common scheme or plan: **Theft In The First Degree, Theft In The Second Degree, Theft In The Second Degree, Theft In The Second Degree, Theft In The Second Degree, Theft In The First Degree, Theft In The First Degree, Theft In The First Degree**, committed as follows;

Count 1 Theft In The First Degree

That the defendant MICHAEL WALTER KING in King County, Washington, on or about January 31, 2013, with intent to deprive another of property, to-wit: lawful United States currency, did wrongfully obtain and exert unauthorized control over such property belonging to The Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, that the value of such property did exceed \$5,000;

Contrary to RCW 9A.56.030(1)(a) and 9A.56.020(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

Count 2 Theft In The Second Degree

That the defendant MICHAEL WALTER KING in King County, Washington, on or about January 21, 2013, with intent to deprive another of property, to-wit: lawful United States currency, did wrongfully obtain and exert unauthorized control over such property belonging to The Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, that the value of such property did exceed \$750;

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3 of the State of Washington.

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5 Count 3 Theft In The Second Degree

6 That the defendant MICHAEL WALTER KING in King County, Washington, on or
7 about January 18, 2013, with intent to deprive another of property, to-wit: lawful United States
8 currency, did wrongfully obtain and exert unauthorized control over such property belonging to
9 The Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, that the value of such property did exceed \$750;

10 Contrary to RCW 9A.56.040(1)(a) and 9A.56.020(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity
11 of the State of Washington.

12 Count 4 Theft In The Second Degree

13 That the defendant MICHAEL WALTER KING in King County, Washington, on or
14 about December 28, 2012, with intent to deprive another of property, to-wit: lawful United
15 States currency, did wrongfully obtain and exert unauthorized control over such property
16 belonging to The Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, that the value of such property did
17 exceed \$750;

18 Contrary to RCW 9A.56.040(1)(a) and 9A.56.020(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity
19 of the State of Washington.

20 Count 5 Theft In The Second Degree

21 That the defendant MICHAEL WALTER KING in King County, Washington, on or
22 about December 22, 2012, with intent to deprive another of property, to-wit: lawful United
23 States currency, did wrongfully obtain and exert unauthorized control over such property
24 belonging to The Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, that the value of such property did
exceed \$750;

Contrary to RCW 9A.56.040(1)(a) and 9A.56.020(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity
of the State of Washington.

Count 6 Theft In The First Degree

That the defendant MICHAEL WALTER KING in King County, Washington, on or about December 21, 2012, with intent to deprive another of property, to-wit: lawful United States currency did wrongfully obtain and exert unauthorized control over such property belonging to The Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, that the value of such property did exceed \$5,000;

Contrary to RCW 9A.56.030(1)(a) and 9A.56.020(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

Count 7 Theft In The First Degree

That the defendant MICHAEL WALTER KING in King County, Washington, on or about December 20, 2012, with intent to deprive another of property, to-wit: lawful United States currency, did wrongfully obtain and exert unauthorized control over such property belonging to The Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, that the value of such property did exceed \$5,000;

Contrary to RCW 9A.56.030(1)(a) and 9A.56.020(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

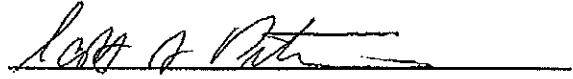
Count 8 Theft In The First Degree

That the defendant MICHAEL WALTER KING in King County, Washington, on or about December 17, 2012, with intent to deprive another of property, to-wit: lawful United States currency, did wrongfully obtain and exert unauthorized control over such property belonging to The Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, that the value of such property did exceed \$5,000;

Contrary to RCW 9A.56.030(1)(a) and 9A.56.020(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

DANIEL T. SATTERBERG
Prosecuting Attorney

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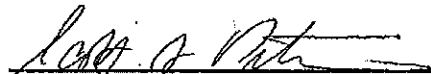
3 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CASE SUMMARY AND REQUEST FOR BAIL AND/OR
4 CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

5 The State incorporates by reference the Certification for Determination of Probable
6 Cause prepared by Detective Keith D Savas of the Seattle Police Department for case number
7 13-064846.

8 Defendant Michael Walter King embezzled between \$250,000 and \$300,000 of campaign
9 contributions deposited to accounts owned by the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee
10 between March 28, 2011, and January 31, 2013 while employed by the committee as Executive
11 Director. King concealed his thefts by recording them on the records as reimbursements for
12 polling or personal expenses or as bonuses. King made a full confession to police after his thefts
13 were discovered.

14 Defendant is not a flight risk or danger to the community. The State does not request bail
15 at this time.

16 Signed and dated by me this ____ day of September, 2013.
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Certification for Determination of Probable Cause

That **Keith Savas** is a Detective with the Seattle Police Department and has reviewed the investigation conducted in Seattle Police Department Case number **13-064846**. There is probable cause to believe that **Michael Walter King** committed the crimes of **Theft in the First Degree** and **Theft in the Second Degree** within the City of Seattle, County of King, State of Washington. This belief is predicated on the following facts and circumstances.

On February 25th, 2013 I was assigned Seattle Police incident report 13-064846, a theft case involving Michael King, the Executive Director of the now defunct Senate Democratic Campaign Committee (SDCC) from March 1st, 2011 until February 20th 2013. The SDCC was established as a statewide organization to help democratic incumbents and candidates win election to the Washington State Senate. The Executive Director is responsible for working with the SDCC Co-Chairs, currently State Senators Frockt, Nelson and Murray and SDCC staff to recruit Democratic candidates to run for the Washington State Senate and assist current democratic state senators with their reelection campaigns. The Executive Director manages the SDCC budget, consisting mainly of campaign donations from PACS, companies, and private citizens and works with the SDCC Co-Chairs allocating resources to campaigns across the state. The Executive Director acts as the primary political contact for all democratic stakeholders. When he first became the Executive Director of the SDCC King did not have check signing capabilities, the Executive Director historically did not have check signing capabilities. However in February of 2012 he asked for and was given direct access to SDCC accounts including check signing capabilities.

Suspensions of financial irregularities came to light after a review of expenditures revealed what appeared to be significant payments made by King from SDCC accounts to online polling and auto-dialing companies made after the November 2012 elections. These businesses are often used by campaigns, to obtain information from voters that are used to help shape election strategies. Those payments however were made for services performed well after the November 2012 elections where the need for such services is limited. A review of these expenditures revealed that many thousands of dollars were spent by King on polling that appeared unnecessary. Jason Bennett of Argo strategies, hired by the SDCC in 2006 to act as the Treasurer of the SDCC, discovered these irregularities and notified the SDCC Co-Chairs in February of 2013.

Based on these suspicions the board of the SDCC hired the Pacifica Law Group to investigate. They determined after a review of financial documents provided by the SDCC, Argo, and some voluntarily provided by King, that King deposited thousands of dollars of SDCC funds into his personal bank accounts while explaining to others at SDCC the funds were being spent for legitimate SDCC purposes. They placed the loss to the SDCC from King's actions at as much as \$330,000.

DPA Peterson and Pacifica Law Group attorney's Paul Lawrence and Greg Wong and I reviewed the documents compiled by Pacifica and I reviewed King's personal bank records from the Bank of America. We discovered that hundreds of SDCC checks were cashed and electronic withdrawals made totaling \$327,023.76 between March 28th, 2011 and January 31st, 2013 from SDCC accounts and negotiated through bank accounts controlled by King. Additionally, King asked for and received reimbursements totaling \$125,900.00 for expenses related to "Survey Monkey 42 times between March 28th, 2011 and January 31st, 2013.

DPA Peterson interviewed King on June 5th, 2013. King was represented by his attorney, Lyle Tenpenny. I reviewed a transcript of that recorded interview. King explained, and this was confirmed by Jason Bennett of Argo Strategies, that submitting reimbursements for expenses was a simple informal process. Before he obtained check signing capabilities King would forward, or have his employees forward, requests for reimbursement directly to

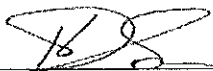
Argo Strategies and Bennett would issue a check. After he received check signing authority for the SDCC bank accounts in early 2012 King would write himself a check for reimbursements, and then notify Bennett of the expense for accounting purposes. Argo did not verify the accuracy of these expenses but relied on King to provide accurate information for inclusion in campaign finance reports prepared by Argo.

King admitted during this interview to stealing SDCC funds telling Peterson, "I did these things and I have to accept consequences and I do." He added, in response to the question by Peterson asking him how much money he stole, King replied, "It's probably north of \$200,000.00, maybe you know up to \$300,000.00." King said that he took this money because he had a drinking and gambling problem.

King signed releases for his personal bank accounts. A review of King's bank records confirms King's claims that he used the stolen money to fund his drinking and gambling problem. I discovered many deposits and/or instances where checks were cashed through those accounts that correspond with "reimbursement" checks issued to King. I also discovered many dozens of withdrawals occurring to such entities as Goldie's casino in Shoreline, the Tulalip Casino in Marysville and the Silver Dollar Casino in SeaTac.

In conclusion, based on the evidence I have set out above, there is probable cause to believe that Michael King embezzled funds from the now defunct Senate Democratic Campaign Committee for which he was the Executive Director, by submitting false requests for reimbursement for work or other expenditures not conducted, receiving reimbursements of SDCC funds then taking and spending that money for personal use and therefore has committed numerous instances of Theft in the First Degree and Theft in the Second Degree between 2011 and 2013.

Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, I certify that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Signed and dated by me this 17th day of September, 2013, at Seattle, Washington.



Detective Keith Savas, #5624
Seattle Police Fraud, Forgery and Financial Exploitation Unit

AGENCY: Seattle PD	WASPD0000	CASE NUMBER 13-064846	FILE NUMBER No Arrest	PCN NUMBER	SUPERFORM
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ARREST INFORMATION		CRIMINAL TRAFFIC CITATION ATTACHED?		ACCOMPLICES
DATE & TIME OF VIOLATION 7/20/18 12:00 PM	☐ YES ☐ NO			
DATE & TIME OF ARREST/TIME 7/20/18 12:00 PM	ARREST LOCATION			

SUSPECT INFORMATION		DOB		ALIAS, NICKNAMES	
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INI. SR, III 2ND) KING, Michael Walter		8/5/1981			
ARMED DANGEROUS ☐ YES ☒ NO	IDENTITY IN DOUBT? ☐ YES ☒ NO	CITIZENSHIP			
PHYSICAL DETAILS					
SEX M	HEIGHT 511	WEIGHT 200	SKIN TONE FAR	RACE W	EYE HAZ
				HAIR BRO	SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, DEFORMITIES
IDENTIFICATION DETAILS					
CCN	PRIOR BA # 0	AFIS #	FBI #	STATE ID #	DRIVER'S LICENSE #
RESIDENCE		EMPLOYMENT / SCHOOL			
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 8727 13th AV NW Seattle, WA 98117		EMPLOYER, SCHOOL (ADDRESS, SHOW/PHONE NUMBER)			
RESIDENCE PHONE 2064203329		BUSINESS PHONE		OCCUPATION	
EMERGENCY CONTACT					
PERSON TO BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY		RELATIONSHIP		PHONE	

CHARGE INFORMATION		ROW/DRO#		COURT / CAUSE #	CITATION #
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WARRANT / OTHER				
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ORIGINATING POLICE AGENCY		ISSUING AGENCY	WARRANT RELEASED TO (SERIAL # / UNIT / DATE / TIME)	

PROPERTY INFORMATION	
LIST VALUABLE ITEMS OR PROPERTY LEFT FOR ARRESTEE AT JAIL	
LIST VALUABLE ITEMS OR PROPERTY ENTERED INTO EVIDENCE (SIMPLE DESCRIPTION, IDENTIFYING MARKS, SERIAL #)	
LIST ITEMS ENTERED INTO SAFEKEEPING	
TOTAL CASH OF ARRESTEE \$0.00	WAS CASH TAKEN INTO EVIDENCE? ☐ YES ☒ NO AMOUNT: \$0.00
SIGNATURE OF JAIL STAFF RECEIVING ITEMS / SERIAL #	

OFFICER INFORMATION		SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE / SERIAL #	
ARRESTING OFFICER / SERIAL # Savas, Keith D 5624	TRANSPORTING OFFICER / SERIAL #		
SUPERFORM COMPLETED BY (SIGNATURE / SERIAL #) Savas, Keith		CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NAME / SERIAL # / PHONE) Savas, Keith 5624 2060844319	

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CT NO.	BOND \$		

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PERSON APPROVING EXTRADITION Scott Peterson		☐		☐		☒	
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